

Page 27, please replace the paragraph at prenumbered lines 16-21, with the following new paragraph:

95 The inner surface of a molded article 10 can be laminated with a plastic film by use of the vacuum chambers 130 and 140 as follows. As shown in Fig. 24(a), a molded article 10 is placed in the first vacuum chamber 130 with its opening portion 11 up. The depth of the first vacuum chamber 130 is virtually the same as the height of the molded article 10 so that the upper opening edge of the placed molded article 10 and that of the first vacuum chamber 130 are almost even.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 11-34 as follows:

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a Sub-cl > 11. (New) A molded article made predominantly of pulp and comprising a bottom portion and a body portion, wherein an angle between an outer surface of a side wall of said body portion and a ground contact plane of said bottom portion is 85° or greater, said molded article is seamless, a height of said body portion is 50 mm or more, and said molded article has corners whose thickness T2 is greater than a thickness T1 of other portions.

12. (New) A molded article made predominantly of pulp and comprising a bottom portion and a body portion, wherein an angle between an outer surface of a side wall of said body portion and a ground contact plane of said bottom portion is 85° or greater, said molded article is seamless, a height of said body portion is 50 mm or more, and said molded article has corners whose density ρ2 is smaller than a density ρ1 of other portions.

13. (New) A molded article made predominantly of pulp and comprising a bottom portion, a body portion and an opening portion, wherein said body portion has a depression or a projection, or said opening portion has an extension extending inward from a peripheral edge thereof, said depression or said projection is continuous only in a horizontal or oblique direction provided that said depression or said projection is continuous in a straight line, said body portion is seamless, and said molded article has corners whose thickness T2 is greater than a thickness T1 of other portions.

14. (New) A molded article made predominantly of pulp and comprising a bottom portion, a body portion and an opening portion, wherein said body portion has a depression or a projection, or said opening portion has an extension extending inward from a peripheral edge thereof, said depression or said projection is continuous only in a horizontal or oblique direction provided that said depression or said projection is continuous in a straight line, said body portion is seamless, and said molded article has corners whose density  $\rho_2$  is smaller than a density  $\rho_1$  of other portions.

15. (New) The molded article according to claim 11, wherein T1 is 0.1 mm or more, and T2/T1 is 1.5 to 2.

16. (New) The molded article according to claim 12, wherein T1 is 0.1 mm or more, and T2/T1 is 1.5 to 2.

17. (New) The molded article according to claim 12, wherein  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  satisfy a relationship  $0.1 \times \rho_1 < \rho_2 < \rho_1$ .

18. (New) The molded article according to claim 14, wherein  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  satisfy a relationship  $0.1 \times \rho_1 < \rho_2 < \rho_1$ .

19/ (New) The molded article according to claim 11, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article and/or a measuring container, said lid and/or said measuring container being linked with said molded article by integral molding via a first hinge and/or a second hinge which is/are thin and dense.

20. (New) The molded article according to claim 12, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article and/or a measuring container, said lid and/or said measuring container being linked with said molded article by integral molding via a first hinge and/or a second hinge which is/are thin and dense.

21. (New) The molded article according to claim 13, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article and/or a measuring container, said lid and/or said measuring container being linked with said molded article by integral molding via a first hinge and/or a second hinge which is/are thin and dense.

22. (New) The molded article according to claim 14, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article and/or a measuring container, said lid and/or said measuring container being linked with said molded article by integral molding via a first hinge and/or a second hinge which is/are thin and dense.

23. (New) The molded article according to claim 11, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article, said lid being a part prepared separately from said molded article and fixed to said molded article by a linking part having a hinge, said linking part being provided on said lid.

24. (New) The molded article according to claim 12, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article, said lid being a part prepared

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separately from said molded article and fixed to said molded article by a linking part having a hinge, said linking part being provided on said lid.

25. (New) The molded article according to claim 13, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article, said lid being a part prepared separately from said molded article and fixed to said molded article by a linking part having a hinge, said linking part being provided on said lid.

26. (New) The molded article according to claim 14, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article, said lid being a part prepared separately from said molded article and fixed to said molded article by a linking part having a hinge, said linking part being provided on said lid.

27. (New) The molded article according to claim 11, further comprising a plastic layer formed on the outer and/or the inner surfaces of said molded article by vacuum forming or pressure forming, and said plastic layer is obtainable by laminating a plastic film on said molded article while said molded article is heated to a predetermined temperature.

28. (New) The molded article according to claim 12, further comprising a plastic layer formed on the outer and/or the inner surfaces of said molded article by vacuum forming or pressure forming, and said plastic layer is obtainable by laminating a plastic film on said molded article while said molded article is heated to a predetermined temperature.

29. (New) The molded article according to claim 13, further comprising a plastic layer formed on the outer and/or the inner surfaces of said molded article by vacuum forming or pressure forming, and said plastic layer is obtainable by laminating a plastic film on said molded article while said molded article is heated to a predetermined temperature.